होगा। इस योजना के अन्तर्गत अब तक 3265 स्कूल पहले ही शामिल किए जा चुके हैं। चालू वित्त वर्ष में अतिरिक्त 500 स्कूलों को शामिल करने के लिए 47 करोड़ रु० की राशि आवंटित की गई है।

Dutch Assisted programme for Women

5694. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a National Commission for women has been set up if so, the specific tasks assigned to it;

(b) what is the present constitution of the Commission; and

(c) whether a Dutch assisted programme for women's empowerment through education was currently in operation in the country; if so, the details of its activities carried out under the programme in Uttar Pradesh in general and U.P. Hill districts in particular?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SMT. BASAVARAJESWARI): (a) Yes, Sir. The specific tasks of the National Commission for Women has been given in Section 10 of the National Commission for Women Act, 1990.

(b) The National Commission for Women comprises of Smt. Ganga Potai, Member and Smt. Annie Prasad, Member Secretary.

(c) Yes, Sir. Mahila Samakhya programme (Education for Women's Equality) is a 100% Dutch assisted project. The programme, launched in 1989, is spread over 15 districts of Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh. Mahila Samakhya is a women's empowerment project which does not aim at service delivery but seeks to bring about a change in women's perception about themselves and that of society in regard to women's 'traditional roles' It endeavours to cr[illegible] an environment for women to seek [illegible]vledge and information in order to [illegible]ke informed choices and create circumstances in which women can learn at their pace and rhythm. The centrality of education in the struggle to achieve equality is an important focus of Mahila Samakhya.

At present Mahila Samakhya is being implemented in four districts of Uttar Pradesh covering 521 villages. The districts are: Tehri, Saharanpur, Varanasi and Banda. In Uttar Pradesh the Mahila Samakhya programme has focussed on issues like drinking water, mobilization of rural women around issues of violence, environment, literacy, wages and health in the districts.

Courses taught by North Eastern Regional Institute of Science and Technology

5695. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of degree courses taught in the North Eastern Regional Institute of Science and Technology alongwith the number of students admitted at present and how many students have since passed degree examination of this Institute during the last two years;

(b) whether budgetary allocation for the year 1995-96 of the North Eastern Regional Institute of Science and Technology has been reduced and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether students from other states are also admitted in these courses and if not, the reasons thereof for; and

(d) the salient features of the Expert Committee report which was appointed to look into the academic and other development issues of the Institute and the decision taken by the Government thereon?